MOBERLY LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK

PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

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Moberly Lake Provincial Park, 98 hectares in size, is located 24 km northwest of Chetwynd on Highway 29. Moberly Lake Park is located in the Peace Lowland Ecosection.

Primary Role
The **primary** role of Moberly Lake Provincial Park is to provide a variety of outdoor recreation opportunities in a natural setting for regional and local residents. The park provides recreational services and overnight camping to tourists. Enjoyment of the outdoor experience including fishing, hiking, beach and water play provide additional reasons for people to visit the park. The closest communities include Hudson's Hope and Chetwynd. Moberly Lake Provincial Park is used throughout the year for a variety of seasonal activities. Moberly Lake Provincial Park also plays a role in attracting visitors to local municipalities.

Secondary Role
The secondary role of Moberly Lake Provincial Park is to provide conservation for the ecosystem, and its native wildlife and habitat.

Habitat includes a mix of white spruce, trembling aspen and cottonwood. The park provides an important stopover area for migratory birds as well as an opportunity for bird watching and wildlife sightings. During the spring and summer months, a variety of raptors, songbirds and other perching birds frequent the area. Waterfowl can also be viewed on the lake. Large mammals that frequent the area include moose, deer, and black bear. Most likely sightings are of smaller mammals, including squirrels, chipmunks, beaver, snowshoe hares and muskrat. Fish species present in Moberly Lake include northern pike, bull trout, arctic grayling, lake and mountain whitefish, longnose sucker and white sucker.

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Tertiary Role
The tertiary role of the park is to protect cultural heritage. The park is a Salteaux and Moberly First Nations traditional land use area, with historical values and land uses that continue to occur.

Known Management Issues	Response
Wildlife tree management	• Hazard tree assessment should be conducted prior to tree removal
Facility conditions	• Ongoing maintenance; funding and staff

Zoning

The entire park (98 ha) is zoned Intensive Recreation.

CONSERVATION

Representation		
ecosection		Provides minimal representation to the very poorly represented Peace Lowland Ecosection (only 0.40% protected). Moberly Lake Provincial Park contributes 2.84% of the overall representation of this ecosection, but quality of representation is poor due to the small size of the park.
biogeoclimatic subzone/variant		Provides minimal representation to the very poorly represented BWBS mw (only 0.68% protected). Moberly Lake Provincial Park contributes 0.42% of overall representation of this ecosystem, but quality of representation is poor due to the small size of the park.
Special Feature		
Rare/Endangered Values	X	Blue-listed black-throated green warbler
Scientific/Research Opportunities		

RECREATION

Representation:		
backcountry		
destination		
travel corridor	X	Highway 29; holiday/weekend use (some Alaska Highway travelers)
local recreation	X	The main recreational use of Moberly Lake Provincial Park is by visitors using the day use and camping facilities.
Special Opportunities		
Education/Interpretation Opportunities	X	Wildlife viewing, trails

CULTURAL HERITAGE

Representation	X	Traditional Use by Treaty 8 First Nations Pioneering historical values in the area
Special Feature		

OTHER MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

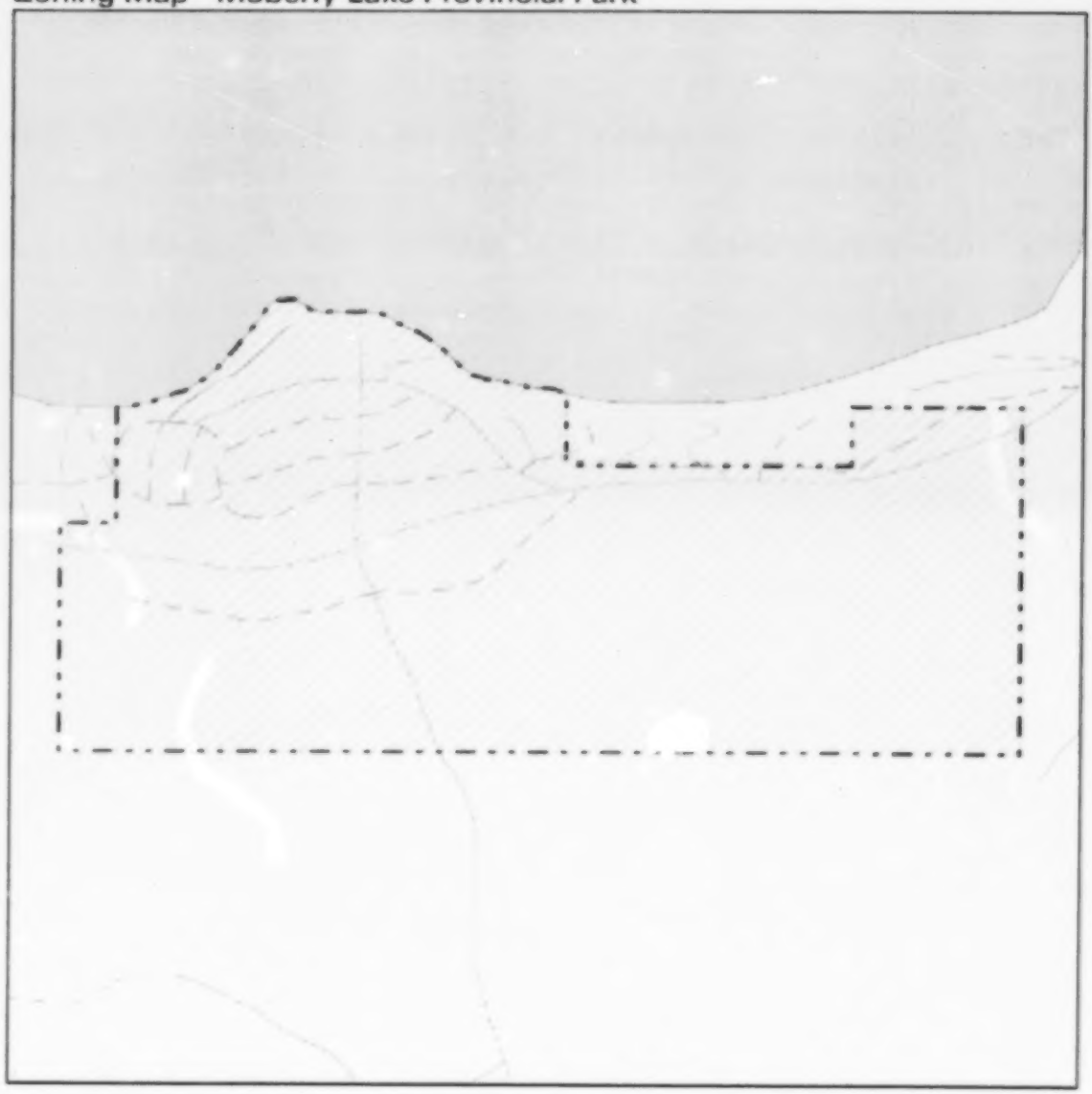
Other Designations

Relationship to Other PAs	X	Provides resting place for travelers between parks
Co-operative Management Arrangements		
Partnerships		
Vulnerability		

Relationship to Other Strategies

Size:	98.34 hectares
Date of establishment:	May 31, 1966

Zoning Map - Moberly Lake Provincial Park



Projection: Albers Equal Areas
Datum: NAD83

Intensive Recreation
Protected Area Boundary

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